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1. The 4th Air Force Cadre (Reserve) Regiment (4. letecky nahradni pluk), [redacted] has been stationed at Poprad (Q50/D68) since 1946. The regiment is subordinated to the headquarters of the 4th Air Corps (4. letecka oblast) in Bratislava, which is commanded by Lt. Col. (fnu) Jandourek.

2. The 4th Air Force Cadre Regiment is commanded by Maj. Jan Dula, about 36 years old, 172 cm tall, of slim build, with chestnut hair and living in Poprad. Dula, an Hungarian by birth, formerly called Dulay, is a trusted Communist. Additional personnel of the unit include:

Staff Capt Stefan Javorsky : Deputy commander, about 30 years old, CP member.
Capt. Vilam Farbaký : DOZ officer, CP member and a trusted and ardent Communist.
1st. Lt. (fnu) Kovak : Political education officer, about 30 years old, ardent CP member.

3. The regiment is supplied with the following equipment:

German, model 24 Mauser rifles and 7.92 mm rifle ammunition.
A Czech, model 26 light machine guns (manufactured by Zbrojovka) and 7.92 mm machine gun ammunition.
A small number of Russian sub-machine guns and 9 mm sub-machine gun ammunition.
A few Russian side arms.

Arms and equipment are also stored for mobilization purposes in the 4th Air Force Cadre Regiment casernes.

4. The mobilization stores can be reached only through the main gate of the casernes, which is always guarded, or any auxiliary gate which is always locked. The guard detail, which is assigned to the main gate, consists of ten men. These guards are armed with rifles and sub-machine guns; only the officer in charge carries a side arm. The casernes are surrounded by a three-meter high fence.

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5. The following vehicles are assigned to the 4th Air Force Regiment:
- 2 - 250 cc motorcycles, Jawa
 - 2 - cars
 - 1 - 3-ton truck
6. On 1 September 1950, 420 to 440 volunteers were assigned to the 4th Air Force Regiment for training. These volunteers will attend a three year course for air force technicians,* and after completion of the training some of the better students will be commissioned 2nd lieutenants. At present the volunteers are receiving both practical and theoretical basic training.**
7. Most of the men of the 4th Air Force Cadre Regiment are Communist Party members, but they are actually not reliable Communists. The same can be said for most of the officers and non-commissioned officers. The regiment's morale is very low, particularly because of the presence of several denouncers among the troops.
8. Officers who are not considered reliable, however, are being discharged from the service. On 1 August 1950 Staff Capt. (fnu) Sulc was released from duty, and on 15 August 1950, 1st Lt. (fnu) Senderak was discharged for unreliability. Sulc is now employed by the Building Enterprise in Poprad; Senderak is still unemployed.
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- 25X1 * Comment: [] "air force mechanics", which has been rendered as technicians. It cannot be determined whether [] means aircraft mechanics, or not, []
- 25X1 ** Comment: It appears that the 4th Air Force Cadre Regiment is a center for elementary training of non-flying personnel, and also offers advanced training for non-flying specialists.

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